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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS:

SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

REQUEST PASS FOLLOWING LETTER ON URGENT BASIS TO:

LEADERSHIP OF CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
MARSHALLS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
PALAU POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
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AS YOU MAY BE AWARE, THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN INVITED TO
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SUVA AIMED TOWARD DRAFTING A CONVENTION TO ESTABLISH A
SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (SPRFO).

THIS RESUMED MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE JUNE 5-10 AT SPEC HEADQUARTERS IN SUVA.

IN THE ORIGINAL INVITATION TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING, THE SOUTH PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT VARIOUS NON-INDEPENDENT ENTITIES, INCLUDING MICRONESIA, COULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING THROUGH MEMBERSHIP ON THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITIES. AS YOU WILL RECALL, THE UNITED STATES INVITED,

AMONG OTHERS, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, THE MARSHALL ISLANDS NITIJELA, AND THE PALAU DISTRICT LEGISLATURE TO NOMINATE PERSONS TO BE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TOOK EXCEPTION TO THIS ARRANGEMENT, AND HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY EXPRESSED THEIR POSITION SEPARATELY IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.

CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE ORIGINAL U.S. INVITATION. MOST NOTABLY THE HILO STATEMENT ESTABLISHED THE PRINCIPLE THAT MICRONESIANS WILL, IN THE POST-TRUSTEESHIP PERIOD, HAVE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FOREIGN AFFAIRS INCLUDING MARINE RESOURCES. THIS BEING SO, EVEN THOUGH A COMPACT HAS NOT YET BEEN SIGNED, IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE THAT FIRST STEPS NOW BE TAKEN TOWARD ESTABLISHING MICRONESIA'S FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ROLE.

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